

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2315-002, South Carolina; Project Nos. 2332-003 and 2331-002, North Carolina and South Carolina]

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company and Duke Power Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 2, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission's) Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Hydropower Licensing has reviewed the applications for new licenses for the following three existing hydroelectric Projects, all of which are located on the Broad River in South Carolina: (1) The Neal Shoals Project (No. 2315-002), located in Chester and Union Counties, near Carlisle, SC; (2) the Ninety-Nine Islands Project (No. 2331-002), located in Cherokee County near Gaffney, SC; and (3) the Gaston Shoals Project (No. 2332-003), located in Cherokee County, South Carolina and Cleveland County, North Carolina near Gaffney, SC. The Commission has prepared a final Multiple Project Environmental Assessment (EA) covering all three projects. The final EA contains the Commission staff's analysis of the existing and potential future environmental impacts of the projects and has concluded that licensing the projects, with appropriate environmental protective or enhancement measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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[Project No. 459-073 Missouri]

Union Electric Company; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

January 2, 1996.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission's Regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47910), the Office of Hydropower Licensing (OHL) reviewed an application for dredging on the Lake of the Ozarks at the Osage Project. The applicant proposes to excavate approximately 1,900 cubic yards of material for a boat ramp, a boat turn-around area, and a boat access channel. The applicant also proposes to construct a small protective berm around the lakeward edge of the excavation sites. The excavation will occur on project lands and waters in Morgan County, Missouri. The primary purpose of the excavation activity is to provide boat access to project waters for private recreational use. The staff prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the action. In the EA, staff concludes that approval of the non-project use of project lands would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Copies of the EA are available for review in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, of the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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PacifiCorp; Notice of Filing

January 2, 1996.

Take notice that on November 30, 1995, PacifiCorp tendered for filing an amendment to its filing in this docket.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before January 10, 1996. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

First Financial Bancorp, et al.; Formations of; Acquisitions by; and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied for the Board's approval under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1842) and § 225.14 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.14) to become a bank holding company or to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the applications are set forth in section 3(c) of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Each application is available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. Once the application has been accepted for processing, it will also be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Any comment on an application that requests a hearing must include a statement of why a written presentation would not suffice in lieu of a hearing, identifying specifically any questions of fact that are in dispute and summarizing the evidence that would be presented at a hearing.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received not later than February 1, 1996.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland (John J. Wixted, Jr., Vice President) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101:

1. *First Financial Bancorp*, Hamilton, Ohio; to merge with F&M Bancorp, Rochester, Indiana, and thereby indirectly acquire Farmers & Merchants Bank, Rochester, Indiana.

2. *FirstMerit Corporation*, Akron, Ohio; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of FirstMerit Trust Company, N.A., Naples, Florida.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (John E. Yorke, Senior Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198:

1. *LJT, Inc.*, Holdrege, Nebraska; to acquire .20 percent of the voting shares of First Holdrege Bancshares, Inc., Holdrege, Nebraska, and thereby indirectly acquire shares of First National Bank of Holdrege, Holdrege, Nebraska.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco (Kenneth R. Binning, Director, Bank Holding Company) 101 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94105:

1. *California Community Bancshares Corporation*, Vacaville, California; to